



AMBA All Volunteers Meeting - Minutes
Sep 14, 2025 @ 3 - 5pm - ARC Mezz

Call to Order: 3:04

In attendance: All But,

Not in attendance: Kevin A, Steph I, Lauren M, Corey W, Kara D, Tim H, Steve C, Jim V, Agata G.

Additions to Agenda - Director 5 position open / Registrar - Timely Notice (1st Derek, 2nd Chelsey)

Adoption of Agenda - 1st Joe, 2nd Jenni

President (Rob) - opened meeting with a greeting, introduction, and discussed outline and purpose of the meeting.

Secretary (Steph I.) - not in attendance.

Treasurer (Steph D.) - preparing budget for 2026, prepping for AGM reports, and received \$10k for gaming grant, that we'd like to put toward cage repairs at Mcmillan. Will need to prepare official quote for any repairs to McMillan cage. Discussed the need for possible cameras in McMillan cage due to dimple balls going missing.

VP1 (Chelsey I.) - Looking for Coach feedback on tournaments that AMBA participated in. Volunteer Challenges in Mid summer classic, and 13uAAA prov. Host tourney. Will look at volunteer points system for summer teams and mid summer classic tourney next season. No ejections or suspensions for the summer teams. It was unanimously decided not to have umpires at 9u Fall Ball.

VP2 (Brad N.) - Rep tryouts for single season per schedule. Looking at providing specialized clinics for Catching/Pitching etc. Email will go out regarding Rep Tryout reimbursement if kids sign up for Angels but end up making Cardinals team.

Director #1 (Colin D.) - working on more support to commissioners and a better line of communication. This stems from parents contacting the commissioner directly, instead of going to the coach. 7u/8u commissioner last year felt overwhelmed by the emails and calls at all hours from parents in that division.

Director #2 (Derek G.) - discussion around tiered Fall Ball (other associations do it). Abby Angels fall ball is meant to be fun, and not competitive. Unanimous decision to not tier.

Director #3 (Joe M.) - Upon completion of Fall Ball, equipment will be locked up and lock combos changed. We've had equipment (balls) go missing from the cage.

Director #4 (Kevin A.) - Not in attendance

Director #5 (Lauren) - *Not in attendance*

Business:

- Volunteer Roles / Introductions

- **Commissioners** - **Corey W. (5u)**, *lots of positive feedback from 5u last season. Good parent involvement. Buddy ball was a huge success, and would like to include more opportunities for this. Would like to do a parent orientation / expectation session at the start of the year.* **Lance N. (7u/8u)**, *welcomed Lance back to the association as commissioner.* **Open (9u)**, **Kara D (11u)**, *not in attendance.* **Kirk P (13u)**, *would like to see more coach clinics or coach mentors to help develop coaches.* **Justin K (15u)**, *spring had its ups and downs, but there was a very good group of summer players that banded together and competed well in summer.* **Craig V (18u)** *team had a great spring, finishing 1st in their div, but lost in playoffs. Next year team will be a young group, and will need a head coach. Recommended to do tryouts during barn sessions next Feb.*
- **Scheduling** - **Stephanie D. (all fields and facilities)** - *looking for a volunteer to shadow Steph - Still needing a volunteer to step up to take on this role.*
- **Fields** - **Hoyt D. (Lime, field conditions, field equipment)** *will look into getting a camera in McMillan cage.*
- **Uniforms** - **Jenni R / Melissa P. (Fall, Spring, Summer uniforms)** *over-ordered fall ball jerseys this year, but we can re-use for next year. Spring format will be the same as last year. The ordering link (MVP) provided to summer teams worked well. Idea of backstocking summer hats so we have extra sizes available in case a hat doesn't fit etc. providing sizing charts to teams prior. Hosting a swap meet in January to help members offload gently used equipment etc.*
- **Registrar** - **Vanessa P.** *would like to see clearer communication and exact timelines when to complete tasks. Can't be expected to provide info immediately.*
- **Tournaments** - **Sabrina M.** *Overall Mid summer went well, need more volunteers, and would like to have Tourney T-shirts available next year.*
- **Challenger** - **Tim H.** *Not in attendance*
- **Umpires** - **Jim / Melissa** *would like more mentors for the younger aged umpires. Overall season went well. Would like to host practice clinics on-field if possible with game play to help umpires in training. Praise for the quality of our umpires was given by Derek, and echoed by many others in attendance.*
- **Technical Director** - **Steve Coleman** *Not in attendance*
- **Social Media** - **Agata Giesbrecht** *Not in attendance*
- **Webmaster** - **Corey W.** *Not in attendance, but provided a detailed report via email that outlined website operations, visibility, updates, MFA, and request for added pictures. Discussion in meeting about refreshing and updating the website to clean it up a bit.*
- **Community Events Coordinator (CEC)** **Jacqueline Demkes** - *Winter Jubilee fee is \$75 for a table. Nov. 22 3-8pm AMBA will want volunteers present for this. Jacqueline will work on getting this planned / organized.*

- New Business & Looking Ahead

- AGM - Nov. 17th *Agrec Gallery is booked for this.*
- Spring Registration - Nov 1 - Feb 15 - *Lawn signs are being ordered through Bourquin, Adam I is working on a flyer with a QR code that we can put up at schools, bulletin boards etc. For registration, will create a cap per division w/ wait list to make*

- it easier in team snap to place kids into rosters etc. (registrar) - Coaches Banquet - (March 2026) information to follow*
- Expectations + Communication *Rob encouraged directors and commissioners to communicate with each other a bit more and if anyone was unsure about anything to reach out to a board member to get clarification etc.*
 - More Volunteers needed (Positions to fill, Secretary / Director 3(*Equipment portion*) / Director 2, *Director 5*) as well as getting older players from single season teams to volunteer.
 - Will look to have representation at the Winter Jubilee *discussed*
 - Opening Day - a fun filled day with baseball games, opening ceremony, kickoff to the start of Spring season. *All seemed keen on doing this. Incorporate as many age groups that could fit at Lions / Centennial park to do opening day "kick-off". Will start brainstorming this once Winter Jubilee event complete.*

- Next All Volunteer meeting - January 2026

Next Board Meeting: Oct. 20 2025

Adjournment: (5:06 - Joe / Lance)